April 22, 1969

Mr. Emanuel Pavsner
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Dear Mr. Pavsner,

John Friedman has told me youx want to read the two Meredith books. Accordingly, I have sent them to you by unsured book mail. Dick had some dealing with them on my behalf. He never reported any of the results to me so I cannot enlighten you. I had planned to write you a detailed memo on this, but I suppose the letters, which youthave, may be enough to begin with.

There is one letter in the Dell file I cannot find. I have copied the rest and will annotate it. Meanwhile, we are still in correspondence on the matter in which Bair indicated there was no dispute. Until this is ended, I think it best we do nothing else.

I do not know whether you saw the Sunday Times Magazine article by Edward J. Epstein. I regard it as libelous and of libelous intent. I have written the Times giving them enough specification of the error, asking that they retract it and give me opportunity for adequate response. Of course, I am no judge of whether under the law this is libel. However, if you would like to consider it, I would like you to. If you do not have the article I can make or get a copy for you.

The two worst things, as I see them through non-legal eyes, is the strong inference of subversion or Communism in the false and manufactured statement that I once worked for the lawyer who is the man Oswald asked to represent him when arrested (the inference being that because John Abt defended Communists he was a Communist and because I "worked for" hxim I also am a Communist) and the very strong inference that I, the only one to write a book on the New Orleans evidence, claimed to have had access to Garrison's "secret evidence" (false and the opposite of what I always said), I did not do or was not capable of doing my own work. He also attributed an anti-government animus to me, inferred that I am anti-government, and reported I had sued the government while failing to report the 1968 decision in my favor. There is an inadvertence, perhaps a carelessness in Epstein's piece that I take to mean he has CIA connections. He alludes to my radio and TV appearances, of which the CIA obtained transcripts (of which I have carbons!) Without exception, these were where he could not possibly have heard them, in such places as California and minnesota.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg